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The Settlement is bad.

A. it does nothing to correct the problem of Microsoft being to powerful. B. It does not help competition, and competition bring out the best in every thing.

C. the settlement involves Microsoft give software to school for free. This helps Microsoft more then it hurt them. Think the fixed cost in developing a Microsoft product is already spent. The variable cost the Microsoft is being made to make for this settlement it less then 5 cent a CD. Plus remember be giving there software to school they are now getting free access to kids which will grow up and buy the software they used in school.

The settlement is bad because it does not hurt Microsoft at all but in the long run helps them.